

<b>DECLARATION AND                      POWER OF ATTORNEY                      FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN                      PATENT APPLICATION                      (37 CFR 1.63)</b>		<b>Attorney Docket Number</b> 21317Y
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		<b>Filing Date</b>
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**3-AMINO-4-PHENYLBUTANOIC ACID DERIVATIVES AS DIPEPTIDYL PEPTIDASE INHIBITORS FOR THE TREATMENT OR PREVENTION OF DIABETES**

*(Title of the Invention)*

the specification of which

bears the Attorney Docket Number and Title of the Invention noted above

OR

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OR

was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY)  as United States Application Number or PCT International

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate(s), or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Attorney Docket Number	Priority Claimed? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

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